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A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE WINDSCREEN AND WINDOW TINT REGULATIONS

KNOW YOUR (VLT) TINT LEVELS
VISIBLE LIGHT TRANSMITTANCE



MVRTA (Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act) WINDSCREEN AND WINDOW TINT REGULATIONS, 2020.

As part of its broader vision to modernize Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic laws, the Ministry of Works and Transport has reformed vehicle tint regulations to enhance road safety and address national security concerns.

This latest initiative seeks to:



Specify the legal percentages of Visible Light Transmittance (VLT) of any material applied or affixed to the windscreens or windows of a motor vehicle.



Equip law enforcement officers with Light Transmittance Meters that measure the amount of light that passes through the glass of a windscreen or window including materials affixed to the glass.



Provide exemptions for persons with particular medical conditions.



Provide general exemptions regarding the use of a vehicle and the safety of its occupants.



Aid in crime prevention by supporting efforts to reduce criminal activities utilizing motor vehicles with illegal tint.

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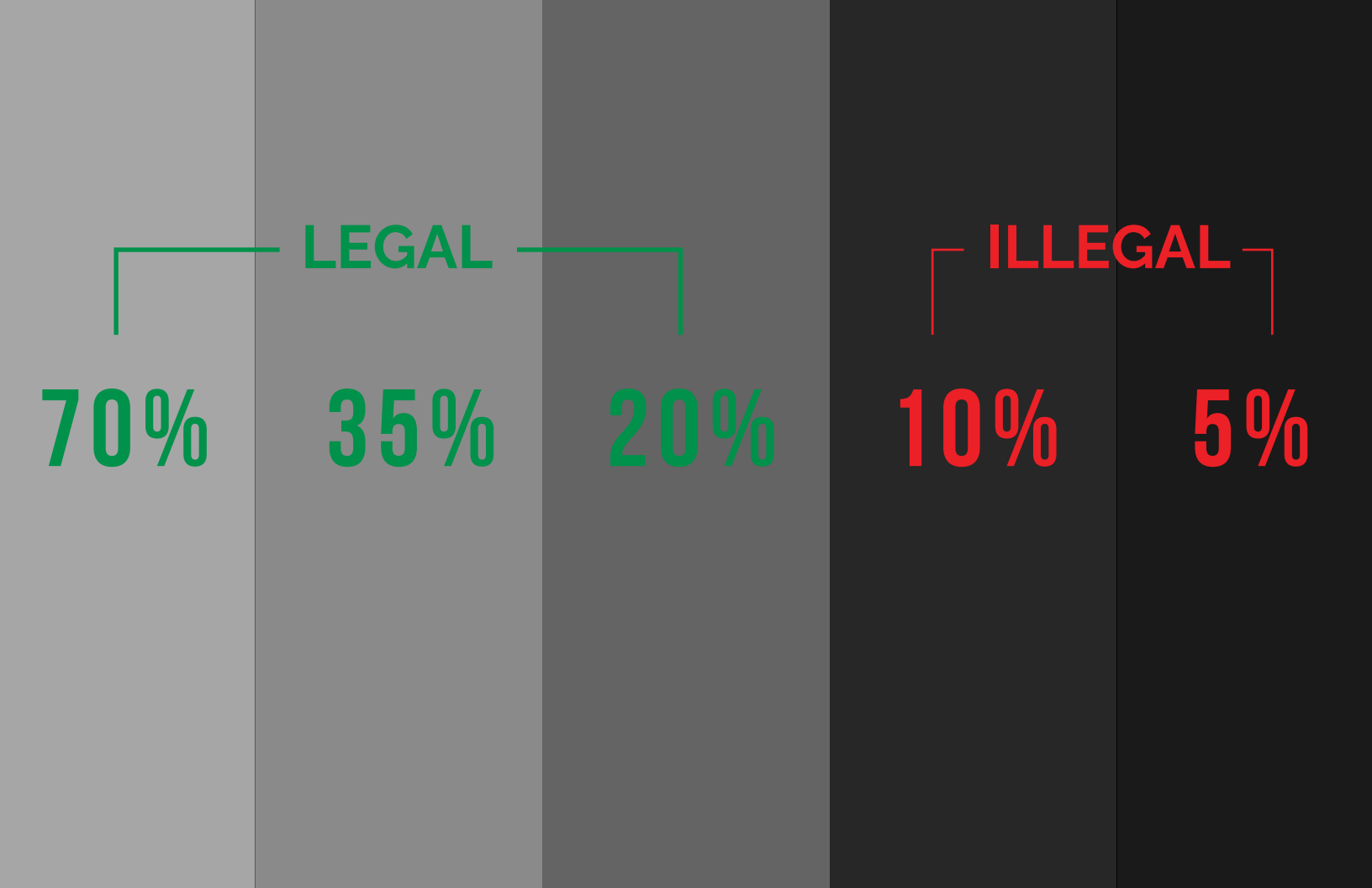
70%

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20%

10%

5%



WINDOW

Tint Regulations



Previously, under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (MVRTA) there were no specified levels/percentages of tint allowed on the windshields and windows of motor vehicles. This ambiguity created challenges for law enforcement given the increase in criminal activities usually featuring heavily tinted vehicles. Additionally, the use of extremely dark tint compromises a driver's scope of vision, which increases the risk of road accidents.

The implementation of the WINDSCREEN AND WINDOW TINT REGULATIONS, 2020 seeks to:

- Encourage general compliance with traffic laws and promote road safety for motorists and pedestrians;
- Introduce a standardised method of assessing tint levels via the use of tint meters, which removes the subjectivity that previously existed with the enforcement of tint laws.
- Assist in the fight against crime and criminality; and
- Create safer roads and a safer society.

WHAT

is the Legal Visible Light Transmittance for your vehicle?

Visible Light Transmittance (VLT) measures the amount of light that passes through a windshield or window of a motor vehicle.



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REAR WINDSCREEN
20% VLT

ANTI GLARE BAND
WIDTH 6" OR 15CM FROM TOP
35% VLT

FRONT WINDSHIELD
70% VLT



REAR WINDOW
20% VLT

FRONT WINDOW
35% VLT

- * The specification for the anti-glare band is 6 inches or 15 cm in width from the top of the windscreen.
- * In the case of vehicles above Class 3, the anti-glare band can cover the area above the highest point swept by its windscreen wipers.
- * The Tint Regulations do not apply where the material on the windscreen or window was installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle and approved by the Licensing Authority.

USE of Reflective Materials/ Curtains/Screens

Under the Regulations, unless approval is granted by the Transport Commissioner, motorists will **NOT be permitted to use, drive or operate a vehicle where the windscreens and windows contain:**

- Metallic, reflective or mirrored material that can dazzle other motorists;
- Curtains/screens or other devices that obstruct the view of a person looking into the vehicle;

Note: An exception will apply if the device is installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle and approved by the Licensing Authority

- Window shades or other devices on a rear window that shield occupants of the vehicle from the direct rays of the sun;

Note: Except in the case of children aged 5 years or under, the child must be in the vehicle for the screen to be in place.

- Adhesives such as vehicle wraps and perforated film for advertising or entertainment.



DEFECT-FREE

Windscreens and Windows



It is the responsibility of the owner, driver or operator of the motor vehicle to ensure that no windscreen or window has:

- (a)** Any scratches or defects that impair the driver's vision;
- (b)** Material with any bubbling or other defects that unreasonably impair the driver's vision; and
- (c)** Discolouration that unreasonably impairs the driver's vision.

According to the Regulations, the Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the driver of the motor vehicle (not the owner), and demerit points are recorded on the driver's driving record

The Fines and Demerit Points are as follows:

Description of Traffic Violation	Fixed Penalty	Demerit Points	Maximum Fine
Failure to comply with permissible Visible Light Transmittance of material on windscreen and window of motor vehicle.	\$2,000.00	3	\$5,000.00
Failure to maintain windscreen or window free from scratches, laminated glazing or glass that shows discoloration, material with any bubbling or other defects.	\$450.00	0	\$1,000.00
Installing unauthorised curtains, screens or other devices on motor vehicles.	\$750.00	2	\$1,500.00
Failure to have exemption certificate in a motor vehicle and failure to produce the exemption certificate upon request by a constable in uniform.	\$1,000.00	2	\$2,000.00

NOTE: Any person who contravenes the MVRTA (Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act) WINDSCREEN AND WINDOW TINT REGULATIONS, 2020 commits a traffic violation and will be issued a FIXED PENALTY NOTICE AND DEMERIT POINTS.

FIXED

Penalty Notice (Traffic Ticket)

Where do I pay?

A Fixed Penalty Notice can be paid at authorised **Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPOST)** locations nationwide, by cash and debit card.

A person will need the traffic ticket reference number, Driver's Licence number and the vehicle registration number to make the payment. The payment must be made in full and in one transaction. No instalments or part-payments will be accepted.

Detailed instructions on how to make a payment are printed on the reverse side of the traffic ticket.

AUTHORISED TTPOST Payment Locations



Location	Addresses
Bon Accord	Milford Court 13 Cypress Avenue Canaan/Bon Accord 910398
Scarborough	Caroline Building 36 Wilson Road SCARBOROUGH 900399
Arima	17 Prince Street ARIMA 300399
National Mail Centre (Piarco)	240-250 Golden Grove Road PIARCO 350462
Tunapuna	Tunapuna Administrative Complex 76-78 Eastern Main Road TUNAPUNA 330899
Chagaunas	2 Eleanor Street CHAGUANAS 500698
San Juan	5 Eastern Main Road SAN JUAN 250199
St. Ann's	59 St. Ann's Road ST. ANNS 160299
St. James	61-63 Western Main Road ST. JAMES 180199
St. Vincent Street	Guardian Building 22-24 St. Vincent Street PORT OF SPAIN 100299
Tragarete Road	177 Tragarete Road WOODBROOK 170401
La Romaine	2 Lucky Street LA ROMAINE 650199

A photograph of a courtroom. In the foreground, a wooden bench is visible with a black microphone on a stand to the left and a wooden gavel resting on the bench to the right. The background shows rows of wooden chairs and a wooden wall with a door.

How do I Contest?

If a driver wishes to contest a traffic ticket, he/she may seek the assistance of an Attorney-at-Law. He/she can file a Notice to Contest with the Court within fifteen (15) days from the date of issue of the ticket via the portal - <https://contest.ttlawcourts.org>.

Detailed instructions on how to contest a traffic ticket are printed on the reverse side of the traffic ticket. A driver will need the traffic ticket reference number, the vehicle registration number, their Driver's Licence number and the date of issue of the ticket. He or she may provide reasons for challenging the traffic ticket. If the driver is found guilty by the Court, this can result in the imposition of the maximum fine under the law.

EXEMPTIONS

Everything you need to know



Exemptions under the Window Tint Regulations fall into two categories:

1. Medical Exemption

This category is applicable to persons with a medical condition, which render them susceptible to harm or injury from exposure to sunlight.

The list of approved Medical Conditions includes:

- (a)** Albinism
- (b)** Chronic actinic dermatitis/actinic reticuloid
- (c)** Dermatomyositis
- (d)** Lupus erythematosus
- (e)** Porphyria
- (f)** Xeroderma (pigmentosa) pigmentosum
- (g)** Severe drug photosensitivity, provided that the course of treatment causing the photosensitivity is expected to be of prolonged duration
- (h)** Photophobia associated with an ophthalmic or neurological disorder
- (i)** Any other condition or disorder causing severe photosensitivity in which the individual is required for medical reasons, to be shielded from the direct rays of the sun

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2. General Exemption

- (a) For persons who have specialised use of a vehicle.
- (b) For vehicles required to ensure the safety and security of occupants.

Any vehicle, for national security purposes, on the recommendation made by the Minister of National Security to the Licensing Authority.

The law provides general exemptions regarding the use of a vehicle or the safety of its occupants in the following categories:

- (a) Any motor vehicle which is the property of or used by the President and Prime Minister
- (b) An ambulance registered under the Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Act

Any vehicle which is the property of and used by:-

- (a) The Police Service
- (b) The Fire Service
- (c) The Prison Service
- (d) The Defence Force

- (e) The Customs and Excise Division
- (f) Strategic Services Agency
- (g) Protective Service Agencies
- (h) Body transfer vehicles, including those owned by undertakers or funeral homes
- (i) Any vehicle authorized by the Licensing Authority

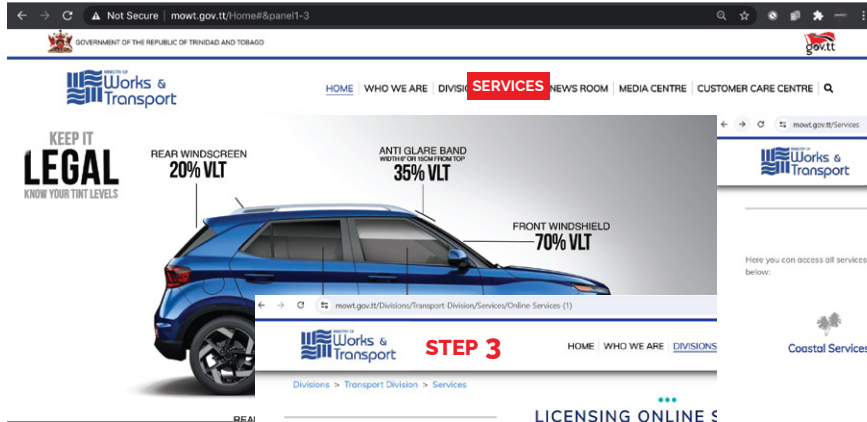
How to apply for an exemption?

Persons who desire an exemption are required to complete the tint exemption application form and submit with the necessary supporting documents.

For a medical exemption, a medical certificate must be submitted to the Licensing Authority within three months from the date of examination as specified by the medical practitioner, unless the Licensing Authority grants permission for submission beyond this period.

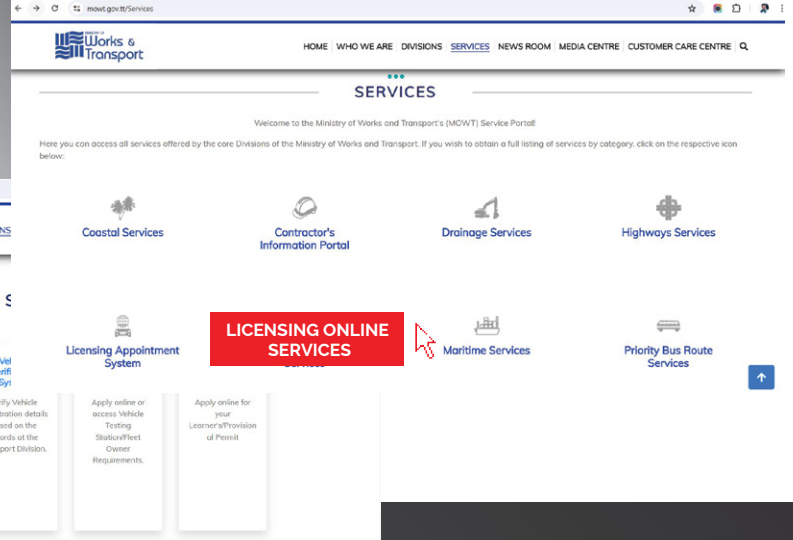
Tint Exemption Application Forms can be downloaded via the Ministry of Works and Transport's Website www.mowt.gov.tt.

STEP 1



The screenshot shows the Ministry of Works and Transport website. The 'SERVICES' menu is highlighted in red. Below the navigation bar, there is a banner for 'KEEP IT LEGAL KNOW YOUR TINT LEVELS' featuring a blue car with various tint levels indicated: REAR WINDSCREEN 20% VLT, ANTI GLARE BAND 35% VLT, and FRONT WINDSHIELD 70% VLT. The URL in the browser is [mowt.gov.tt/Divisions/Transport/Division/Services/Online Services \(1\)](http://mowt.gov.tt/Divisions/Transport/Division/Services/Online%20Services%20(1)). The page also shows the 'Licensing Online' section with a red box highlighting '2. DOWNLOADABLE FORMS'.

STEP 2



The screenshot shows the 'SERVICES' page of the Ministry of Works and Transport website. The page title is 'SERVICES' and the subtitle is 'Welcome to the Ministry of Works and Transport's (MOWT) Service Portal'. Below the subtitle, there is a list of services with icons: Coastal Services, Contractor's Information Portal, Drainage Services, Highways Services, Licensing Appointment System, Licensing Online Services (highlighted in red), Maritime Services, and Priority Bus Route Services. The 'Licensing Online Services' section is highlighted with a red box and a mouse cursor pointing to it.

The completed application form and supporting documents are to be placed in a sealed envelope, addressed and delivered to:

*The Transport Commissioner
TRANSPORT DIVISION
Shirvan Road, Tobago
Trinidad and Tobago
APPLICATION FOR TINT*

*The Transport Commissioner
TRANSPORT DIVISION
Southern Main Road, Caroni
Trinidad and Tobago
APPLICATION FOR TINT*

VALIDITY

of an Exemption Certificate

In the case of a person, an exemption certificate is valid for a period of **two years** from the date of issue or renewal.

In the case of a public body or authority, the exemption certificate is valid for any period determined by the Licensing Authority.

Holders of exemption certificates are required to have the certificate in the vehicle at **ALL** times and produce it upon request by law enforcement officers.



Void Exemption Certificates

An exemption certificate shall immediately become void under the following conditions:

- 1.** Sale or transfer of the vehicle specified in the certificate;
- 2.** The vehicle being destroyed or rendered permanently unserviceable; and
- 3.** The death of the person specified in the certificate.

An exemption certificate is non-transferable

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